

I voted Yes on H.R. 3857, the Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act.

This bill will serve to provide essential security for our national transportation systems by authorizing funding to extend the Transit Security Grant Program through Fiscal Year 2013. The Transit Security Grant Program is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) state and local grant program that provides funding for the protection of critical transportation systems including buses, ferries, and passenger rail that commuters throughout New York utilize every day. This legislation will allow specialized operational patrol teams that are used by local law enforcement the ability to compete in the Transit Security Grant Program. Our homeland security is paramount, and this bill helps to ensure the continued security of our commuter systems.

The bill was approved by a vote of 354 – 62.